

# Around The Traps

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Phuket has been thrown straight into low season mode in the space of ten minutes. As one person said, when being interviewed by Australian television, "High season started on December 26th, and finished at 10am on December 26th".

Remarkably, most places were reopened by the New Year. As most people here were involved in the rescue and cleanup, they needed to wind down. New Year was subdued but needed as people offered each other the support needed to cope with the disaster. A memorial service was held on the beach at the end of Bangla Rd. on New Years Eve. Many people left as soon as they could and those who stayed carried on doing what needed to be done. As a result

everywhere is operating except for the beach road as the authorities appear to be using this time to make changes there that would have nearly impossible at any other time. The Patong beach area, apparently, is to be redesigned to project a more up market international image for the island. With the near completion of the giant Jungceylon project it will be interesting to see what changes are in store.

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While one couple, who survived the tsunami, was sitting in a pub recently having a quiet one, what song comes on the in-house music system? Blondie's 'The Tide Is High'. We think it's time the music libraries were double checked for content. *Continued Page 18*

Neng (in black shirt) celebrated his birthday and the anniversary of Dragon Disco in December. A full house celebrated with him.



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